IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (original) A container from a film-forming polymer, having at least one wall comprising an effective amount of an oxygen-scavenging composition wherein said oxygen scavenging composition comprises oxidizable metal particles and at least one protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound and/or its adducts, wherein said protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound and/or its adducts have been deposited upon the oxidizable metal from an essentially moisture free liquid, wherein the effective amount of the oxygen-scavenging composition is from 100 to 10,000 part by weight per million part by weight of the wall of the container, the film-forming polymer is an aromatic polyester or a polyester/polyamide blend, and the wall is a light transmitting wall. ~~has a transmission Hunter haze of up 0.04 percent per μm of the container wall.~~

2. (original) The container according to claim 1, wherein said protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound is a water hydrolysable Lewis acid and/or its adducts and has been deposited upon the oxidizable metal from an essentially moisture free solution comprising an organic solvent.

3. (original) The container according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the oxygen-scavenging composition comprises iron.

4. (original) The container according to claim 3, wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound deposited on iron is $AlCl_3$.

5. (original) The container according to claim 4, wherein the $AlCl_3$ is deposited in the form of an adduct made from the interaction of $AlCl_3$ with at least one organic solvent.

6. (currently amended) The container according claim 1~~ or 2~~, wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound is deposited in form of an adduct made from the interaction of protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound with at least one non-protic solvent, wherein at least one organic solvent is from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, propanol, butanol, hexanol, diethyl ether, or ethyl acetate.

7. (original) The container according to claim 3, wherein the salt deposited on iron is $FeCl_2$.

8. (currently amended) The container according to claim 3, ~~any one of claims 3 to 7,~~ wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound and/or its adducts is deposited upon the oxidizable metal from an essentially moisture free liquid.

9. (currently amended) The container according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein the essentially moisture free liquid is ethanol.

10. (currently amended) The container according to claim 1, ~~claim 8,~~ wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound is selected from the group consisting of $AlCl_3$, $FeCl_2$, $FeCl_3$, $TiCl_4$, $SnCl_4$, $SiCl_4$, $POCl_3$, $SOCl_2$, $Al(OEt)Cl_2$ and n-Butyl $SnCl_3$ is ~~$AlCl_3$ and and/or $FeCl_2$ are~~ deposited on iron from a solution ~~in~~ comprising an alcohol selected from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, isopropanol, butanol, and hexanol.

11. (original) The container according to claim 10, ~~claim 8~~ wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound is selected from the group consisting of $AlCl_3$ and $FeCl_2$. ~~$AlCl_3$,~~

~~$FeCl_2$, $FeCl_3$, $TiCl_4$, $SnCl_4$, $SiCl_4$, $POCl_3$, $SOCl_2$, $Al(OEt)Cl_2$ and n-Butyl-$SnCl_3$.~~

12. (currently amended) The container according to ~~any one of preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the aromatic polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate and copolymers thereof wherein up to 10% by moles of units of terephthalic acid are substituted by units from isophthalic acid and/or naphthalene dicarboxylic acids.

13. (currently amended) The container according ~~to any one of preceding claims~~ to claim 1, wherein the container is a stretched bottle.

14. (currently amended) The container according ~~to any one of preceding claims~~ to claim 1, wherein the sidewall of the stretched bottle is 280 to 410 microns thick and has Hunter haze values of 20% or less.

15. (currently amended) The container according ~~to any one of preceding claims~~ to claim 1, wherein the container does not exhibit any visible blooms after three days of accelerated oxygen absorbance.

16. (original) The container according to ~~to any one of preceding claims~~ to claim 1, wherein said particles of oxidizable metal are of iron having an average diameter less than 1.0 μm and the iron-based compositions are incorporated into said wall in an amount of up to 500 parts by weight per million parts by weight polymer.

17. (new) (original) A container from a film-forming polymer, having at least one wall comprising an effective amount of an oxygen-scavenging composition wherein said oxygen scavenging composition comprises oxidizable metal particles and at least one

protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound and/or its adducts, wherein said protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound and/or its adducts have been deposited upon the oxidizable metal from an essentially moisture free liquid, wherein the effective amount of the oxygen-scavenging composition is from 100 to 10,000 part by weight per million part by weight of the wall of the container, the film-forming polymer is an aromatic polyester or an aromatic polyester/polyamide blend, wherein the aromatic polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate and copolymers thereof wherein up to 10% by moles of units of terephthalic acid are substituted by units from isophthalic acid and/or naphthalene dicarboxylic acids and the wall is a light transmitting wall.

18. (new) The container according to claim 17, wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound deposited on iron is $AlCl_3$.

19. (new) The container according to claim 17, wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound deposited on iron is $FeCl_2$.

20. (new) The container according claim 17, wherein the protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound is deposited in form of an adduct made from the interaction of protic solvent hydrolysable halogen compound with at least one non-protic solvent, wherein at least one organic solvent is from the group consisting of ethanol, methanol, propanol, butanol, hexanol, diethyl ether, or ethyl acetate.